Construction of a Concrete Bridge over Chenab in Pargwal

1330. SHRI KAPIL VERMA; SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pargwal village in Akhnoor sector of Jammu District is connected with Pakistan by land and because of the absence of a bridge, the people have to cross the river Chenab by boats to go to the Indian side; and

(b) whether Government propose to construct a concrete bridge over the Chanab for defence purposes, as the border force also have to cross the river by boats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no requirement from the Defence point of view for the construction of a bridge to connect the village.

Construction of Canal and Roads by Pakistan

1331. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the 'Dharamyug' of 25th January, 1986 under the caption "Are we ready to face Pakistani challenge" to the effect that Pakistan has built a new canal, parallel to the Icchogil Canal, and has constructed a network of roads on that side of the Indo-Pak border and our capability to face problems arising in our cities and towns *is* meagre; and

Cb) if BO, what steps Government are contemplating for the defence o* our border and for security of our cities and towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH); (a) and (b) Government have se&n the Press report, but have no information about Pakistan having constructed a new canal parallel to the Icchogil CanaL However, an anti-tank obstacle between Icchogil Canal and the international border has been in existence since the 1970s. Government are aware of the road network near the border in Pakistan.

A close watch is kept on all developments having a bearing on our national security and appropriate measures are taken to ensure full defence preparedness.

सेवा निवृत्ति की आयु के पश्चात, सेवावधि में वृद्धि

1332. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके द्वारा घोषणा किए जाने के बावजूद विभिन्न मंत्रालयों में अनेक अधिकारियों को सेवा निवृत्ति की आयु के पश्चात् सेवावधि में वृद्धि दी गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो विभिन्न मंत्रालयों के वर्ग "ख" और "क" के कितने कितने अधिकारियों की सेवावधि में वृद्धि की गई अथवा उन्हें पुनर्नियुक्ति दी गई ; और

(ग) क्या यह प्रक्रिया बे रोक-टोक जारी रहेगी ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्रीबीरेन सिंह इंगती) : (क) से (ग) जनवरी, 1983 में प्रधान मंत्री ने अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह निदेश दिया था कि अधिवर्षता प्राप्त सरकारी कर्मचारियों को मंत्रालयों/विभागों द्वारा सेवा में वृद्धि उदारता